

Reasons for Allowance

1. Applicant filed a request for reconsideration in response to an After Final that was mailed 4/1/08. The request for reconsideration was sent in to the office on 5/23/08. Claims 1, 4, 9-10 are amended. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: listed below:

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

2. Prior art fails to disclose a "network address bestowal means for giving to the communication terminal a network address for transferring the signal packet to a desired communication network in response to the authentication-propriety determination means determining that the authentication has been made, and changing the correspondence between the communication terminal stored in the temporary use IP address/communication terminal correspondence storage means to the network address from the temporary use IP address", and example of prior art that fails to disclose or suggest the limitations above is Sawada.

3. Sawada discloses a packet forwarding unit(PFU) receiving an address request packet sent from a user terminal. The PFU forwards this packet and the DHCP server receives the packet. Upon receiving the packet the DHCP server sends an address leasing packet back to the user terminal. Once the user terminal receives the leased address it attempts to access the file server. However, the user terminal is not yet authenticated and steps are taken to authenticate the user terminal and after the user terminal is authenticated a connection is established between the file server and the user terminal. Sawada fails to disclose or suggest, "network address bestowal

means for giving to the communication terminal a network address for transferring the signal packet to a desired communication network in response to the authentication-propriety determination means determining that the authentication has been made, and changing the correspondence between the communication terminal stored in the temporary use IP address/communication terminal correspondence storage means to the network address from the temporary use IP address”.

4. Another example of prior art that fails to disclose or suggest “network address bestowal means for giving to the communication terminal a network address for transferring the signal packet to a desired communication network in response to the authentication-propriety determination means determining that the authentication has been made, and changing the correspondence between the communication terminal stored in the temporary use IP address/communication terminal correspondence storage means to the network address from the temporary use IP address”, is Monachello. Monachello discloses that a CPE presents a list of network service providers to a user. When the user has made the service selection, the CPE forces the user workstation to change its IP address from a temporary address to a global IP address. Monachello does not teach or suggest giving to the communication terminal a network address in response to the authentication-propriety determination means determining that the authentication has been made, as Monachello does not disclose giving a network address in response to authentication.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JENISE E. JACKSON whose telephone number is (571)272-

3791. The examiner can normally be reached on Increased Flex time, but generally in the office M-Fri(8-4:30)..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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